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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF A PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Upon reviewing the file to pay the issue fee, Applicant noted that the reference listed on the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application on October 8, 2003 had a U.S. Publication under OTHER DOCUMENTS that had not been initialed and returned with the proceeding Office Action. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement is attached. Applicant requests the Examiner to initial the form and return it to Applicant. If the form has already been initialed, Applicant requests the Examiner to forward a copy for Applicant's record.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please call the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 16-2463.

Respectfully submitted,

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